Helping Students with ASD
Succeed in the Community College Environment

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JCCC/Community College Resources
Mentoring Program
TIPS Program
Access Services
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http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YqMSwts7ZGk
Benefits of Getting Started at a Community College and JCCC

- Admissions
  - No ACT required
  - Compass “Placement” Test
  - No fee for placement test or application
- Class Size
- Close to Home/Support System

- Credit & non-credit options
  - Over 150 Degree and Certificate programs
  - Audit option
  - CLEAR Program (non-credit)
  - Connections – non-credit
JCCC College Success

**Academic Achievement Center**
- Career and Life Planning
- Study Skills
- College Skills Development
  - Improve self-awareness and institutional awareness.
  - Strengthen the ability to use campus resources and services
  - Improve self-awareness in terms of:
    - Communication skills
    - Aptitudes, interests, values pertaining to career/life decisions
    - Self-advocacy

**Learning Strategies**
- LS for Math
- Strategic Learning Systems
- Memory Strategies
- Exam Strategies
- College Learning Methods
Professor Expectations

What teachers expect:
• Come prepared to every class
• Be on-time
• Ask questions
• Focus on class
• Get missed information from class buddy
• Request accommodations
• Make school the priority
• Get Connected

Extra Suggestions:
• Read the syllabus
• Use your college e-mail
• Sit in the front of class
• Keep a calendar
• Use campus resources
• Stay organized

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Mentoring Program

• Cooperative program with KU Center for Autism Research and Training
• Official club through Center for Student Involvement
• Students and Mentors
TIPS

Transition Into Post-Secondary Studies
TIPS Topics

- Self-Determination/Self-Advocacy
- Planning
- Communication
- Effective Study Techniques
- College Life
- Registration and enrollment in college
- Campus Tour
- Time Management
- Money Management
- High School vs. College
- Stress Management
- Involvement
- Accommodations
- Strengths
TIPS
Transition Into Post-Secondary Studies

Video
Accommodations/Services

- Testing
- Quiet place to retreat
- Tutoring
- Preferential Seating
- Mid-Semester Progress
- Early Registration
- Weekly Meeting with Advisor
- Other

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Other Suggestions to Ease the Transition

• Become familiar with the campus before leaving high school
• Consider taking a college class before leaving high school or over the Summer
• Take a reduced course load first semester or longer
Questions